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Response to Amendment


The reply filed on 16 October 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant has failed to respond to the outstanding double patenting rejections over now allowed Application Serial Number: 09/549,949. Applicant has requested that the rejections be held in abeyance. At least an indication that Applicant is willing to file a terminal disclaimer in response to the obviousness double patenting rejection upon determination of allowable subject matter is required. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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